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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Medicaid improves health, access to health
3 services, and financial security; coverage lowers infant,
4 child, and adult mortality rates and increases the use of
5 critical preventive services, such as prenatal care; coverage
6 also virtually eliminates catastrophic out-of-pocket medical
7 expenditures, providing much-needed financial security and
8 peace of mind; and

9 WHEREAS, Medicaid is a considerable economic boost to the
10 Illinois economy; the State stands to lose 9,280 jobs for every
11 5% reduction to the Medicaid program; and

12 WHEREAS, The expansion of Medicaid increased economic
13 activity by \$2.6 billion in Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois is in a unique transitional phase in its
15 health care delivery system; the State is in the first year of
16 a massive implementation of statewide Medicaid managed care for
17 more than 50% of the Medicaid population; in addition, Illinois
18 has elected to experiment with different models of coordinated
19 care intended to evaluate the effectiveness of traditional
20 Managed Care Organizations and less traditional Accountable
21 Care Entities (hospital-led ACO models) and Coordinated Care
22 Entities (home health models led by community-based providers

1 targeted to special needs populations); reductions in Medicaid
2 can result in disruption of these systemic changes; and

3 WHEREAS, Comprehensive health care provided through
4 Medicaid reduces the incidence of depression, ensures that more
5 women are able to receive important preventive services, such
6 as cancer screenings, and decreases mortality rates; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois has already undertaken significant
8 reductions to the Medicaid program; through the "Save Medicaid
9 Access and Resources Together Act" (SMART Act), we made nearly
10 \$1 billion in 62 spending reductions, utilization controls, and
11 provider cuts; and

12 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations, public health entities,
13 and impacted citizens are dependent on the Illinois Medicaid
14 program; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 do not support changes to Medicaid eligibility groups that
18 leave currently covered people without access to
19 comprehensive, affordable health coverage and health care; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we do not support reductions in Medicaid

1 covered services that leave beneficiaries without access to
2 medically necessary health care; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we do not support reductions to plan or
4 provider rates that reduce the access that eligible Medicaid
5 beneficiaries have to medically necessary services; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That we do not support implementation of
8 procedures that would result in the erroneous denial or
9 termination of eligibility or services to eligible Medicaid
10 beneficiaries.